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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-24. **Cancelled**

25. **(Currently Amended)** An [[oral]] orally administrable drug delivery system having at least one outer surface, the said system comprising a coated tablet having one or more surfaces, the coated tablet further comprising:

a core comprising an active ingredient composition region and a swellable or reactive composition region,

the active ingredient composition region comprising at least one pharmaceutically active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, and  
the swellable or reactive composition region comprising one or both of a composition selected from a swellable composition and or a reactive composition located in an immediate vicinity of one or more preselected surfaces; and

a coating surrounding the core; wherein the swellable or the reactive composition is located in an immediate vicinity of preselected portions of the coating in order to be in communication with said preselected portions of the coating; and the active ingredient composition is in the vicinity of another portion of the coating;

wherein preselected portion of coating is operable to be removed after contact with an aqueous environment and wherein the remaining portion of the coating is not removed,

wherein the coating is operable to be reliably removed fully from the one or more of the preselected surfaces of the tablet upon contact with an aqueous environment, but not removed from at least one of the surfaces.

26. **(Currently Amended)** An oral The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the coating is selected from defective coatings and or reactive coatings.

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27. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the defective coating comprises ~~a-coating~~ with one or more passageways on the ~~selected surfaces~~ preselected portions of the coating.

28. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the coating is impermeable to the pharmaceutically active ingredient.

29. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the coating is semipermeable.

30. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the active ingredient composition is present as one or more layers and the swellable composition is present as one or more layers.

31. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 30, wherein the active ingredient present in the different one or more layers may be is the same or different.

32. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the active ingredient composition comprises a controlled release composition.

33. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 31, further comprising a second active ingredient composition, wherein the first active ingredient composition comprises a rapid releasing composition and the second active ingredient composition contains the same active ingredient as the first active ingredient composition[.] the second active ingredient composition comprising and is a controlled release composition.

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34. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the swellable composition comprises a swelling agent.

35. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 34, wherein the swelling agent is selected from a swellable excipient, a gas generating agent, ~~and~~ or mixtures thereof.

36. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the swellable composition comprises one or more wicking agents.

37. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the swellable composition comprises one or more osmogents.

38. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the active ingredient composition is released without a substantial delay after the tablet contacts [[an]] the aqueous environment.

39. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, further comprising [[an]] a second outer coating [[of]] including a pH-dependent polymer.

40. **(Currently Amended)** ~~An-oral~~ The orally administerable drug delivery system of claim 25, comprising a coated tablet having one or more surfaces, the coated tablet comprising:  
a core comprising an active ingredient composition comprising at least one active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient; and  
a coating surrounding the core,  
wherein the coating is operable to be reliably removed partially from one of the surfaces of the tablet upon contact with an aqueous environment;

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~~and wherein the core further comprises a composition selected from a swellable composition and a or reactive composition, said composition being in a region is in the form of an in-lay-tablet;~~

~~said in lay tablet being located in an immediate vicinity of said one of the surfaces from which the coating is operable to be partially removed.~~

41. (Cancelled)

42. (New) An orally administrable drug delivery system having at least one outer surface, the said system is in the form of a multilayer coated tablet comprising

a core comprising at least one layer consisting of an active ingredient composition and at least one layer consisting of a swellable or reactive composition;

the active ingredient composition comprising at least one pharmaceutically active

ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, and

the swellable or reactive composition comprising one or both of a swellable or a reactive composition; and

a coating surrounding the core; wherein the swellable or the reactive composition is located in an immediate vicinity of preselected portions of the coating in order to be in communication with said preselected portions of the coating; and the active ingredient composition is in vicinity of another portion of the coating

wherein preselected portion of coating is operable to be removed after contact with an aqueous environment and wherein the remaining portion of the coating is not removed.